

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

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TO USIA WASHDC  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE ELECTION AND THE PRESS

REF: MANILA 2628

WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING RESPONSE TO QUESTION OF PRESS ACCESS TO AQUINO BUT TATAD'S ABSENCE FROM MANILA WHILE CAMPAIGNING LEGASPI HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE POSE QUESTION DIRECTLY. HE IS EXPECTED RETURN TODAY. HOWEVER, IT IS PROBABLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR US TO RAISE MATTER WITH HIM NOW BECAUSE OF TWO DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE MADE THIS IN ITSELF AN ELECTION ISSUE:

1. USIA INFORMED THAT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (FCAP) WROTE TATAD MONDAY ASKING FOR INTERVIEWS AND OR PRESS CONFERENCE WITH AQUINO:

2. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AQUINO SENT LETTER TO MARCOS ASKING FOR MEDIA COVERAGE HIS CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS.

FCAP DOUBTFUL POSITIVE RESPONSE. ANY CASE, WHOLE QUESTION  
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OF FOREIGN PRESS ACCESS TO AQUINO WILL PROBABLY BECOME A PART OF INCREASINGLY PREVALENT GOVERNMENT CHARGE OF "FOREIGN" SUPPORT FOR AQUINO AND OPPOSITION TICKET. MARCOS HIMSELF HAS MADE CHARGE, AND MEDIA ARE GIVING IT EXTENSIVE PLAY. ANSWER TO PRESS ACCESS QUESTION MAY ITSELF BE MAJOR ISSUE.  
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